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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Denver (9-New)

Date: February 17, 1960

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Unsub;

MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM

(Letter #1 postmarked Denver,
Colorado, February 11, 1960,
6:30 P.M., Addressed to Mr. Adolf
Coors, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado)

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

LABORATION

FBI File No.

Lab. No. D-328967 DL

Examination requested by: Denver

Reference: Letter 2/12/60

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A report on the fingerprint examination is being
submitted separately. The evidence will be returned upon
completion of this phase of the examination. Photographs
are retained.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

- 1 - Bureau file 7-9575
- 1 - [redacted] Room 5718 (Sent direct)
- 1 - [redacted] Room 5714 (Sent direct)

- Tolson
- Belmont
- DeLoach
- McGuire
- Mohr
- Parsons
- Rosen
- Sullivan
- Tavel
- Trotter
- Tele. Room
- Holmes

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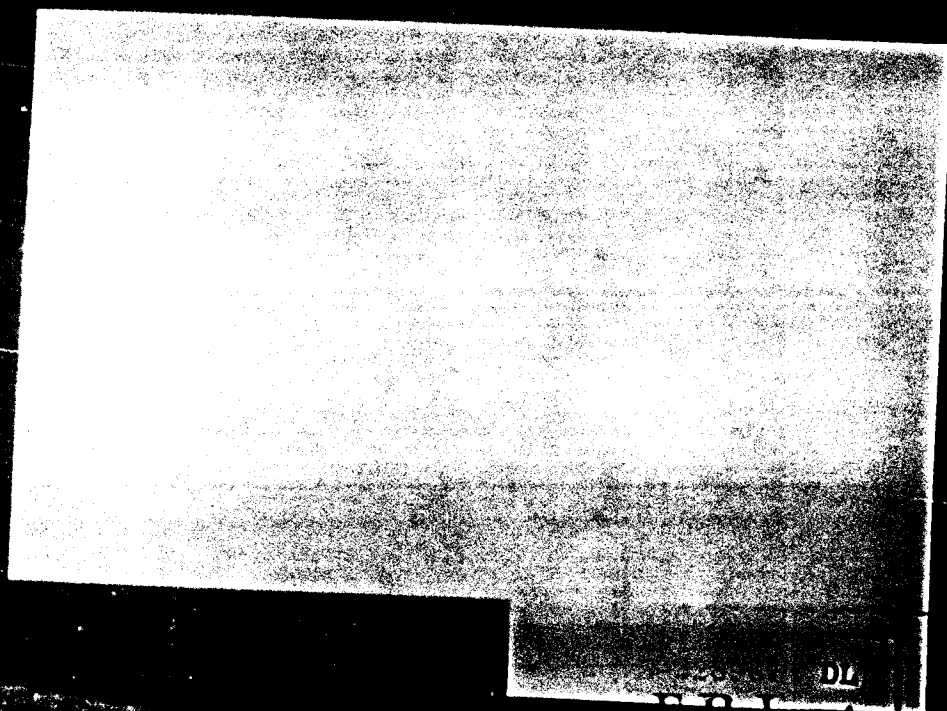
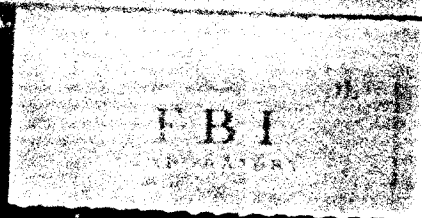
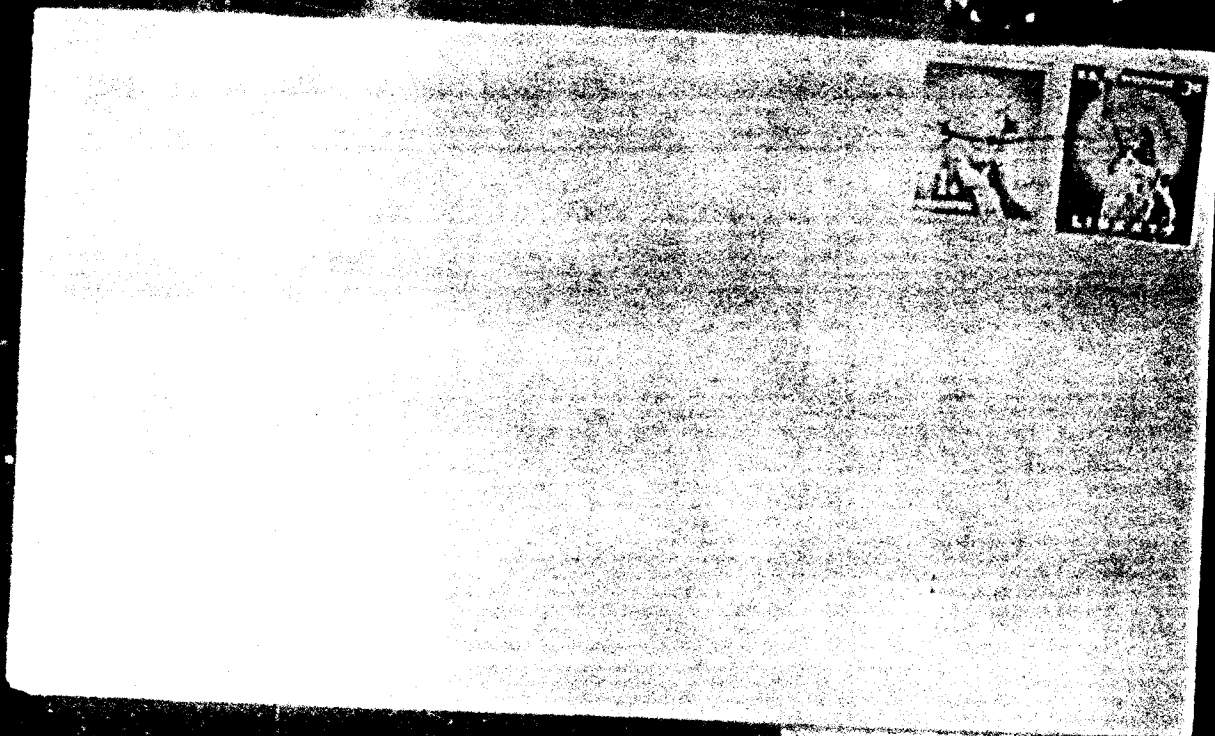
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

LC#24753

Re: Unsub;
MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM
(Letter #1 postmarked Denver, Colorado,
February 11, 1960, 6:30 P.M., addressed
to Mr. Adolf Coors, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado)
EXTORTION

File # 9-37066-1
Lab. # D-328967 DL

Examination requested by: Denver (9-New)

2/12/60

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2/16/60

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b6
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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR. ADOLF COORS
POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO" postmarked "DENVER COLO.
FEB 11 1960 6 30 PM"
- Q2 Accompanying hand printed note beginning "Put \$50,000....,"
and ending "...BE SMART"

return evidence.....

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Ans'd 2-17-60
R.G. W. am

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ATTACHED ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington 25, D. C.

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Identification Division

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February 19, 1960

7-3566-1753

100, Denver

JOHN W. FURNACE,
DENVER, COLORADO - VICTIM
LETTER POSTMARKED DENVER, COLORADO,
FEBRUARY 11, 1960, 6:30 P. M., ADDRESSED
TO JOHN W. FURNACE, POST OFFICE,
DENVER, COLORADO
ENCLOSURE

Two latent fingerprints of value
were developed on the submitted envelope
and the envelope, 91
and the note, 92

Eight latent fingerprints of value for identification
were developed on the submitted envelope. Two latent
fingerprints of value were developed on the submitted note.

The submitted envelope and note are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

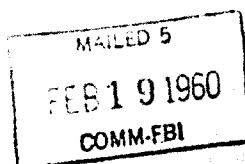
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DENVER	Office of Origin DENVER	Date 6/10/60	Investigative Period 2/12/60 - 5/30/60
TITLE OF CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECT: MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM (LETTER #1 POSTMARKED DENVER, COLORADO, FEBRUARY 11, 1960, 6:30 P. M., ADDRESSED TO MR. ADOLF COORS, POST OFFICE, GOLDEN, COLORADO)		Report made by SA 	b6 b7C Typed By cad
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

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REFERENCES: Denver letter to Bureau dated 2/12/60.
Bureau letter to Denver dated 2/17/60.
Bureau letter to Denver dated 2/29/60.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Since all logical investigation has been completed and no suspects developed, this matter is being closed on the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

Investigation in this case was delayed after receipt of the letter involved pending further developments in COORNAP (the main case in this matter), Bureau file 7-9575; Denver file 7-371. The Bureau was so advised by letter dated February 21, 1960.

Approved

Copies made:

- 1 - BUREAU
- 1 - DENVER (9-1022)

Special Agent
In Charge

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STAT. SECT.
9-7066-4

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TO :

FROM :

Office: DENVER

RE :

Bureau File No :

UNKNOWN SUBJECT: W. DALE COORS - VICTIM (LETTER #1 POSTMARKED
DENVER, COLORADO, FEBRUARY 11, 1960, 6:30 P.M., ADDRESSED TO
W. DALE COORS, POST OFFICE, GOLDEN, COLORADO)

SYNOPSIS:

Subject's letter addressed to victim postmarked Denver, Colorado,
February 11, 1960, demanded \$50,000.00. Latent fingerprints
developed on note and envelope. Hand printing on note and
envelope not done by any of persons who prepared handwriting
on other extortion letters connected with COORNAP investigation.

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DETAILS:

Investigation in this matter is predicated on
information furnished by [redacted] Golden,
Colorado, on February 12, 1960.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

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Date February 16, 1960

At 8:05 A.M. on February 12, 1960, []
[] Golden, Colorado, reported that he had
a letter addressed to "Mr. ADOLF COORS, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado," which he felt should be called to the attention
of this office.

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[] was immediately contacted in person at
the Golden Post Office and pursuant to written authorization
from the COORS family for FBI examination of any mail
addressed to them, he turned over to Agent [] a
letter addressed to "Mr. ADOLF COORS, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado," postmarked, Denver, Colorado, at 6:30 P.M.,
February 11, 1960, bearing one 3-cent and one 1-cent stamp.
This letter was immediately placed in a cellophane envelope
by SA []

Interview with [] File # DN 9-1022
on 2/12/60 at Golden, Colorado Date dictated 2/15/60
by Special Agent [] cad

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 16, 1960

The above note was immediately delivered by SA [] from Golden, Colorado to the Denver Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation where in Agent [] presence, the envelope was opened by SAC D. S. HOSTETTER. The envelope contained a slip of white paper, 3" by 5", with the following hand printing appearing thereon in pencil:

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"Put \$50,000 in a suitcase. Wait for contact. Son is O.K. Be smart."

After this note was read by SAC HOSTETTER, in the presence of SA [] the same was turned over by SA [] to SA []

On 2/12/60

at Denver, Colorado

File # DN 9-1022

by

[]

cad

Date dictated

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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On letter dated February 12, 1960, SA [redacted] forwarded the above-described note and envelope to the FBI Laboratory.

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On February 17, 1960, the FBI Laboratory reported as follows:

1. Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR ADOLF COORS
1001 1/2 1/2 GOLDEN, COLORADO," postmarked "DENVER COLO. 2
PM"

2. Note bearing hand printed note beginning "PUT \$50,000..."
and ending "...BE SMART"

3. Results of examination:

The envelope, Q1, is made of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring 6.5" in length and 3.5" in width. The envelope is addressed in uppercase hand printing with a ball-point pen containing blue ink. The note, Q2, is made of white bond paper containing no watermark and measuring 5.00" by 5.00". This paper was located from a pad of similar size. The message is hand printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil.

The hand printing on Q1 and Q2 was not done by the same person who did the hand printing on other extortion letters known out of the COORNAP investigation. This hand printing was also searched through the Anonymous Letter File, but no similarity of significance was found.

On February 19, 1960, the Latent Fingerprint Division of the Identification Division reported that eight latent fingerprints were developed on the envelope submitted and that two latent fingerprints were developed on the note.

It is noted the contents of the anonymous note were discussed with the victim on February 25, 1960, by [redacted] at which time the victim stated that he did not know who might have prepared or transmitted this note and that he had no intention of complying with any instruction contained therein.

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The Attorney General

October 31, 1960

Director, FBI

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ABDUCTION OF ADOLPH COORS, III,
FEBRUARY 9, 1960

I thought you would like to know that Special Agents [redacted] and members of the Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, Police Department [redacted] on October 20, 1960. Information leading to the location of [redacted] in Vancouver was developed by FBI Agents working with the Vancouver officers.

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By way of background, in March, 1960, [redacted] was developed as the prime suspect in the kidnaping of Adolph Coors, III, wealthy Colorado industrialist, on February 9, 1960. We ascertained that [redacted] was an escapee from a California penal institution. He was placed on our list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives on March 20, 1960, and has been the subject of extensive investigation.

The body of Adolph Coors, III, was located in Colorado in September, 1960, through our investigation. A summary of facts and evidence developed was furnished to Colorado authorities on September 21, 1960, and on September 26, 1960, [redacted] was charged in Jefferson County, Colorado, with the murder of Adolph Coors, III.

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- 1 - Mr. Lawrence E. Walsh
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
Malcolm Richard Wilkey

JRB:ejf
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OCT 31 1960
COMM-FBI

Tolson _____
DeLoach _____
Mohr _____
Bishop _____
Casper _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
Felt _____
Gale _____
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Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO:

[Redacted]

DATE: 2-20-61

FROM:

[Redacted]

SUBJECT:

Handwritten: 100-37066-6 Vietnam

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. DeLoach _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Casper _____
Mr. Callahan _____
Mr. Conrad _____
Mr. Felt _____
Mr. Gale _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Sullivan _____
Mr. Tavel _____
Mr. Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Miss Gandy _____

There is enclosed the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above-captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Branch.

Enclosure

Handwritten: 9-37066-6
NOT RECORDED
FEB 20 1961

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Handwritten: SEVEN

Handwritten: 9-37066-6

ASSIGNED TO: #1

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REASSIGNMENTS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LATENT LATENT

Re: Unsub;

MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM

(Letter #1 postmarked Denver, Colorado,
February 11, 1960, 8:30 P.M., addressed
to Mr. Adolf Coors, Post Office, Golden,
Colorado)

EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Denver (9-New)

File #

Lab. # D-328967 DL

2/12/60

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2/16/60

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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*LFPs will return
Q1 + Q2 to Denver.*

Specimens submitted for examination

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POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO" postmarked "DENVER COLO.
FEB 11 1960 8 30 PM"
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and ending "...BE SMART"

return evidence.....

*Adolf Coors Q1
2 "Be Smart" Q2*

Q1 + Q2 returned to Denver

Lab. # 370666

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: Madsen

MR. ADOLF COORS - VICTIM

File #

Lab. # D-328967 DL

(Letter #1 postmarked Denver, Colorado,
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EXTORTION

Examination requested by: Denver (9-New)

2/12/60

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Date received: 2/16/60

Result of Examination:

Examination by:

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- 1. Fingerprint
- 2. No latent ACF; copy added
- 3. Not in file
- 4. Not latent other extortion letters

*Search upper back up. Sub. Nyo. Utah, Ariz. N. Mex. Okla, Kan. Ind.
added 2/16/60
MPS*

Specimens submitted for examination

- 1. Envelope bearing hand printed address "MR. ADOLF COORS
POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO," postmarked "DENVER COLO. 2
FEB 11 1960 8:30 PM"
- 2. Accompanying hand printed note beginning "PUT \$50,000..."
and ending "...BE SMART"

Return evidence.....

cc 7-9570



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Q1 White envelope measuring

6.50" X 3.62" X 0.004

No w.m.

with seal
appears to
be a find
known from past

Q2 - 3x5 slip of paper measuring

3x5" X 0.0032

No w.m.

white seal
removed from
removed if left in it

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FBI, Denver

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Colorado); EXTORTION

Q1 - Hand printed address "MR. ADOLF COORS
POST OFFICE GOLDEN, COLORADO," postmarked "DENVER COLO. 2
FEB 11 1960 6:30 PM"

Q2 - Hand printed note beginning "PUT \$50,000....,"
...BE SMART"

Result of examination:

Q1 - The envelope is made of white bond paper
measuring 4.00" by 5.00". The envelope is
hand printed with a ball-point pen containing blue ink.
The note, Q2, is made of white bond paper containing no
watermark and measuring 3.00" by 5.00". This paper was
removed from a pad of similar size. The message is hand
printed in uppercase letters with a soft pencil.

The hand printing on Q1 and Q2 was not done by the
persons who did the hand printing on other extortion letters
flowing out of the COORNAP investigation. This hand printing
was also searched through the Anonymous Letter File, but
nothing of significance was found.

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Mr. Trotter
Mr. Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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